in the regions in consultation/coordination with the Ministry of Human Resource Development; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) to (d) The following numbers of officers were inducted in the Army and the Air Force during the last three years from the States of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Bihar:

	Year	Army	Air Force
(i)	1993	337 (U.P.) 135 (Haryana) 53 (Bihar)	89 (U.P.) 13 (Haryana) 30 (Bihar)
(ii)	1994	319 (U.P;) 142 (Haryana) 54 (Bihar)	86 (U.P.) 15 (Haryana) 14 (Bihar)
(iii)	1995	319 (U.P.) 133 (Haryana) 60 (Bihar)	69 (U.P.) 34 (Haryana) 24 (Bihar)

No region-wise or State-wise data are maintained in respect of officers inducted in the Navy. In the Army and the Air Force no region-wise data are maintained.

There are only training institutions in the Armed Forces and not Military Colleges. Armed Forces training institutions train young officers hailing from any part of the country. Since they are only training institutions, their location in any region may not influence intake of officers from that region. The selection of officers in the Armed Forces depends on their performance in the written test, Selection Board interview etc. and for this reason, the intake of officers from any State or region may vary from year to year.

Armed Forces training institutions are opened as and when considered necessary in any part of the country, based on the assessment by services headquarters and the Ministry of Defence.

Change in tender conditions for Basic Telephone Services

2009. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNI-CATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had changed the tender conditions sfier bidding was over for Basic Telecom Services in some circles;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps proposed to examine the bidding process of telecom sector; and

(d) whether it is a fact that no transparency has been introduced in 1996-97 in the Telecom Bidding Procedures?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Elaborate quidelines already exist for examining the tenders in the telecom sector.

(d) Standardised bidding procedures have been adopted to ensure transparency

Exemption from compulsory use of Jute bag packing

2010.SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: SHRI SAIFULLA: SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Cement Producers' Association have sought exemption from compulsory use of Jute bag packing for cement industry;

(b) the reasons for seeking exemptions;

(c) the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) whether Government propose to amend the Jute Packaging Material (Compulsory Use in the Packaging Commodities) Act, 1995; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The reasons advanced by the Andhra Pradesh Cement Producers Associations, *inter-aiia* are that the packing in Jute bage is resulting in seepage loss, degradation, adulteration, dust pollution, etc. It is also mentioned that the price of Cement Gunny Bags is costlier than the HDPE/Paper Bags. Their request has been placed before the Standing Advisory Committee set up by the